

The Observer

THINGS INTERESTING TO THE DEAF

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MERIT RECOGNIZED

A letter from J. H. McFarlane who has spent the summer in Minnesota, but is now back to the Alabama school, says:

"Beyond all doubt Hanson deserves a second term. He is the only logical candidate and the deaf of every section I have passed through on my way down are for him. The "Solid South", if I mistake not, will be for him."

L. M. Hunt, in the Silent Review, says:

"The rank and file will control the next N. A. D. and see that President Hanson succeeds himself."

Knowing Mr. Hanson as we do and aware of the thought and work he has put in the N. A. D. the last two years we cannot but feel that these words of confidence and appreciation are fully merited.

Before the last convention we told The Observer readers that in Mr. Hanson they would find a man who would stand fearless for the right and try to further the cause of the deaf.

All now see that we weighed him rightly. Many who opposed him at Colorado are now his warmest friends and supporters.

Whether he will consent to serve again is problematic. He has put more time and thought in the work than he could well afford—this to the injury of his private business.

While we hardly think he would refuse an unanimous call, it is certain he will make no effort personally to secure a re-election. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Hanson will know of this article till they see it in print.

W. S. ROOT.

GALLAUDET MONUMENT

REPAIR FUND.

On Gallaudet's birthday, Dec. 10th, an effort will be made to raise funds to repair the Gallaudet monument at Hartford. The deaf throughout the country are requested to arrange for meetings on or about Dec. 10th in memory of the greatest friend we ever had, and to contribute toward repairing the monument at Hartford, which will go to ruin unless restored. About \$1,500 is needed. If all the deaf will give a small sum at this time—even if it is only a dime—we can raise the amount in one day. Let us show what can be done by united action. The committee of the N. A. D., consisting of Dr. T. F. Fox of New York, Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss and H. D. Drake of Washington, D. C., will shortly send out subscription blanks. Meanwhile

let the deaf everywhere arrange for meetings. We cannot address all personally, so please consider this as a personal request to take hold and push the matter along.

All papers for the deaf, please copy.
OLOF HANSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1 to Oct. 1, 1912.

1912.		RECEIPTS:	
	Balance on hand July 1, 1912	.....	\$389.87
July 2	Miss Anna M. Wood, membership fee	.....	\$1.00
2	Philip H. Brown, membership fee	.....	1.00
2	John O. Reichle, annual dues	.....	.50
2	Mrs. John O. Reichle, annual dues	.....	.50
2	Daniel Tellier, annual dues	.....	.50
5	Frank O. Lee, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	James H. Manning, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	Forrest Moore, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	H. D. Drake, annual	.....

	dues	.....	.50
5	Mrs. H. D. Drake, annual dues	.....	.50
9	Miss Annie B. Barry, annual dues	.....	1.00
9	Louis A. Cohen, membership fee	.....	1.00
11	Sylvester J. Fogarty, annual dues	.....	.50
22	Miss May Thornton, annual dues	.....	1.00
24	Owen G. Carrell, annual dues	.....	.50
25	Wm. Lipgens, membership fee	.....	1.00
Aug. 13	G. M. Teegarden, membership fee	.....	2.10
13	L. A. Palmer, Calif., annual dues	.....	.50
21	H. W. Whitmore, annual dues	.....	.50
21	David Friedman, annual dues	.....	.50
21	"20" Club, donation through C. S. Sawhill	.....	10.00
Sep. 4	M. M. Taylor, annual dues	.....	.50
4	Mrs. M. M. Taylor, annual dues	.....	.50
4	Miss Margaret M. Levech, ann'l dues	.....	.50
4	Matthew McCook, annual dues	.....	1.00
4	Mrs. Matthew McCook, annual dues	.....	1.00
5	R. W. Harrington, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	Jas. A. Haslam, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	Geo. W. Kinkel, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	William Rich, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	A. A. Mennin, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	P. F. Bengsch, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	M. J. Grimm, membership fee	.....	.00
5	Dan Reichard, membership fee	.....	1.00
5	Miss Helena Froelich, members'p fee	.....	1.00
12	Robert S. Taylor, annual dues	.....	1.00
12	Cash subscriptions for proceedings, (Regensburg)	.....	11.98
18	Leo D. Frater, annual dues	.....	.50
23	Matthias Lebo, membership fee	.....	1.00
23	Fred Farke, membership fee	.....	1.00
26	F. A. Johnson, annual dues	.....	.50
28	Chas. H. Loucks, annual dues	.....	.50
28	Mrs. Chas. H. Loucks, ann'l dues	.....	.50
	Total Receipts	.....	\$447.45
1912	EXPENDITURES:		
July 2	To stamps, treasurer	.....	.50
25	To typewriter, Olof Hanson	.....	75.00
25	To stamps, treasurer	.....	.50
Aug. 13	To exchange check, Teegarden	.....	.10
Sep. 12	By error, cash subscription, Thurston	.....	.50
26	To O. H. Regensburg, expense account	.....	25.00
20	To F. W. Freeman, ptg. 1000 application cards	.....	3.84
	Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1912	.....	342.01
			\$447.45

Referring to the item of Sept. 12, Mr. Thurston paid \$1.00 through Mr. Regensburg, and was credited with this amount. But half of it should have been credited to the Endowment Fund, and in making the transfer the 50 cents has been charged to the expense account so as to keep the account straight.

S. M. FREEMAN, Treasurer.

New Members.

According to report of Treasurer Freeman, forty-five new members have been added to the Association since the first of the year. A list of paid up members will soon be published. If you are not already a member, join now. All that is necessary is to send \$1.00 to S. M. Freeman, Cave Springs, Ga. Members in arrears should send in their dues to Mr. Freeman so that their names may be included in the list of paid up members.

Treasury in Healthy Condition.

The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$342.01 in the treasury on Oct. 1. After paying \$250.00 for printing proceedings there will still be \$92.00 left for other purposes. We can use it all and could use much more to advantage. Will the deaf back the N. A. D. in its efforts to sustain the sign language, or will they lie down and let the oralists have their way undisputed? The N. A. D. is making some progress, and I believe it will win in the end; but more progress would be made if we received better support.

OLOF HANSON.

ROBERTS SIZES IT UP.

According to Douglas Tilden, who ought to know, the American Federation of the Deaf is an accomplished fact. Douglas did it all by himself. It took him just thirty minutes to turn the trick. So easy was it that sundry deaf luminaries are said to be still kicking themselves for not having thought of it before.

Our sculptor-statesman called a meeting of the California association at San Francisco last July, resolved it into an "interstate convention," California representing the other forty-seven states, adopted the "Tilden plan," and adjourned after inviting the N. A. D. to choose between the band wagon and the steam roller.

Reading further, we discover that the membership of the convention was made up mainly of the defunct "independence league" with a roll of 105, and the National Society of Deaf Artists with 191 members. So on every question, a patriotic Californian arose and solemnly cast a vote of 105, and another 191. Everything moved smoothly, with the exception that 120 votes expected from outside the state failed to materialize.

As an unconscious humorist, Douglas has all competitors beaten to a fare-you-well.—Kansas Star.

GIRL DEAF MUTE STRUCK BY CAR.

Tacoma, October 2.—Suffering from concussion of the brain and a fractured thigh sustained when she was knocked down by a street car last evening, Elsie Slegel, 23 years of age, a deaf mute, is slowly recovering today at St. Joseph's hospital.

The girl was hurrying across the street to catch an inbound South Tacoma car when one coming from the opposite direction ran her down. She was unable to hear the warnings given by the motorman.—Seattle Star.

The friends of Miss Slegel will be glad to know that she is improving and hopes to be out soon. The most serious injury is a broken thigh.

Miss Slegel is one of the finest young ladies in the Puget Sound region and has a host of friends who sincerely regret her misfortune.

MR. WALLACE GETS ONE AT FERNIE, B. C.

A fellow was arrested at Fernie, B. C., recently, who was at the old racket of pretending to be deaf and dumb. B. F. Wallace of that town was called and soon was convinced the fellow was an imposter. A little sharp questioning by Mr. Wallace soon tore off the mask and the judge gave the fellow thirty days.

Mr. Wallace says there has been about a dozen imposters in that town this summer, begging and peddling.

Mr. Wallace is doing very well in his cigar store.

Jimmy Meagher proposes to go Tilden one better by starting an Inter-Planetary Federation of the Deaf, and then send the American Federation dictator an ultimatum to hitch on behind—as soon as communication is established with Mars. However, Jimmy should not let a little matter like that hinder him. Douglas did not bother about consulting the other forty-seven states of the union.—Kansas Star.

EXTRA!!!

One of the biggest attractions in conjunction with the Alabama State Fair to be held in Birmingham, in October, will be a conclave of the deaf, the purpose of which will be a state association of the silent people. Developments will be reported in the Observer later.

SIGN LANGUAGE USED

AT WEDDING.

Married on 23rd September.

With the bridegroom and bride both deaf and dumb, and the best man similarly afflicted, Mayor Hindley was obliged to call in the assistance of an interpreter last night before he could conscientiously pronounce the pair who faced him man and wife. William Henrichs was the bridegroom and Miss Zelma Carrick the bride. They went to the mayor's residence, 708 Park Place, accompanied by Ross Slightam.

Mrs. George Chandler, 714 Park Place, who is able to converse in the sign language, came to the rescue, acting in the dual capacity of bridesmaid

and interpreter throughout the ceremony. As the mayor spoke the words that made them one, Mrs. Chandler repeated them on her fingers and the contracting parties nodded their assent. The ring ceremony was used.

Henrichs and his bride are Spokane residents and prominent members of the Spokane Deaf Mutes' association. Slightam, the best man, is president of that organization. Mr. and Mrs. Henrichs are both well educated and can read and write. They can talk very little, but can hear nothing, so that all the questions of the ceremony had to be put to them on the fingers of the interpreter. They were able to murmur the responses.

Henrichs is in the employ of the city at the asphalt plant. Slightam is employed by the department of public affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henrichs and his wife left last night for a short honeymoon into the country, after which they will take up their residence at E1311 35th avenue, where the bridegroom owns a home.—Spokane paper, Sept. 23.

BLIND STUDENTS REGISTER.

The State School for the Blind, for which two new dormitories were built this summer, at a cost of approximately \$50,000, has opened for the school year and already has a registration of 41, of which number 18 are girls and 23 boys. The school has three more coming in soon, 13 applications on file and 18 applications not heard from, making a total of 85 blind children, of school age, in the State of Washington.

So excellent are the methods of teaching in the State School for the Blind of Washington that no less than eight pupils have come from other states—their families having moved into this state that their children might attend the Washington school. Two came from Nebraska, two from Idaho, two from Oregon and two from California. George Mullin is superintendent of the school.—Vancouver, Wash., Item.

Editor H. L. Tracy, of the Pelican, on June 11 was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church by Bishop Sessums, of Louisiana. For the present, he will continue to teach at the Louisiana school. Thirty-six years ago, the late Henry Winter Syle was the first deaf man to be ordained in the Episcopal church. There are now fifteen ordained deaf clergymen actively working in this church.—Kansas Star.

Rev. Wm. D. McFarland, a minister convicted at Pittsburg of causing the death of Elsie Coe, his stenographer, was the first teacher at the Deaf Mute School at Vancouver, Wash., in 1880, and before that pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tacoma.

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A DEAF PRINTER.

N. V. Lewis, of the Philo-cophus Press of Los Angeles, appears to be a fine printer. We have seen a number of good specimens of his work, one of them being the annual report of the Los Angeles Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. The numerous financial reports show careful work. He also printed "The Dream," and has the contract for the N. A. D. report.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

We think the suggestion of Mr. Regensburg, which appears in this issue is a good one. A mail vote would be a good way to obtain the sentiment of N. A. D. members on the question of postponing the 1913 convention. We think this could be done at small expense, by sending out return post cards.

We should like to see it tried, anyway.

R.

THAT PRESIDENCY.

The Silent Review says: "The rank and file will run the next meeting of the N. A. D. and will see to it that President Hanson succeeds himself or that some independent man gets the place. With President Hanson out of the race, this paper is for A. R. Spear of Minnesota for the presidency. He is a well educated business man who is not afraid to speak and speaks right. He is a man who will not let the glitter of gold blind himself to the rights of the deaf."

A SUCCESSFUL DEAF AUTHOR.

Howard L. Terry, the well-known deaf poet and writer, has sold his latest work, "A Voice From the Silence: A Story of the Ozarks," to the Lawrence Publishing Company, of Cleveland. It will appear in a standard agricultural journal as a serial.

THE DEAF AND THE PRIESTHOOD

Ephpheta, a Catholic paper for the deaf, published in New York City, which is ably edited by J. F. O'Brien, contains a plea for the admission of deaf men to the priesthood. The Catholic church still bars the deaf from the priesthood. Practically the same arguments against deaf men entering the ministry were made against Rev. H. W. Syle in the Episcopal church some thirty-six years ago, but he succeeded in convincing the officers of the church that the deaf could fill the high office of priest, and today there is not an Episcopal clergyman who disputes the fact.

Ephpheta is mistaken in stating that the Lutheran ministers are deaf. They are all hearing, as this church also bars the deaf from the ministry.

We hope that the plea of Ephpheta will bear fruit, and that deaf men will be admitted to the priesthood, if they can come up to the required standard, which some undoubtedly can.

DEATH OF HON. R. A. MOTT.

Hon. R. A. Mott, the founder of the Minnesota State School and a member of the Board of Directors for nearly forty years, was struck and killed by a train at Faribault on the morning of September 9. We remember Judge Mott well, his hale and genial presence, his ready wit and kindness, the hospitality of his home, and are grieved that he met such a tragic death.

"THE DREAM."

From Howard L. Terry we have received a copy of "The Dream," a drama in two acts from his pen. We have read this little drama with interest and pleasure, and admired the graceful, poetic imagery and the simple and beautiful English. In our eyes one of chief beauties of this production is its freedom from stilted pretense; it is Longfellow who says that "sublimity always is simple." We do not say that "The Dream" rises to the sublime, nor do we thing its author makes any such claim for it, but we do think it shows talent and ability. We hope to see Mr. Terry persevere in his writings, and become the "literary glory" of the deaf of America.

THAT RECALL.

The attempted recall of Mayor Coterill is receiving a serious set back. The churches and better class of business men are strongly against it, although some of them are not friendly to the mayor. They all realize it would be a severe blow at Seattle. Again we say to the local deaf: "Don't sign the petition, if you already have then remove your name from it."

Seattle is advancing and every true friend wants that advancement to continue.

R.

A FEW OPINIONS.

In reply to your invitation for a few lines on the question of the proposed postponement of the 1913 convention, would say that the true sentiment of the association could best be obtained by directing the secretary to take a mail vote of the members in accordance with the new amendment adopted at the last meeting of the Association. OSCAR H. REGENSBURG.

I think it's a great idea. While I don't know if the constitution can be twisted to suit the emergency still it is certain to swell the membership if held in 1914. I understood, however, the idea was to hold N. A. D. conventions thusly: Cleveland, 1913; San Francisco, 1915 (reduced rates to Panama-Pacific exposition); Hartford, 1917 (centennial of the founding of the first Deaf school); and Atlanta, 1920.—MRS. J. F. MEAGHER, Third Vice-President, N. A. D.

What? Postpone the N. A. D. convention? It's highway robbery, that's what it is! I found a wife at the last gathering, but there are seventy-four eligible young men, who didn't get around to Colorado, that have been furnishing flats and inquiring as to the cost of marriage licenses in Cleveland. Let justice be done though the heavens fall!—J. F. MEAGHER.

What Shall Be Done with Nebraska?

The article by L. M. Hunt which appears on another page is worthy of careful reading.

We doubt if the deaf could arouse sufficient strength to be a factor in electing State officers. To do so would require much more coin than the N. A. D. can possibly raise.

Still we are not sure but what to put a man like Mr. Hunt in command in Nebraska would be a wise thing to do. Mr. Hunt seems to be one who can accomplish things.

One thing in Mr. Hunt's letter should be remembered. He says: "The local State association did nothing, in fact did not dare to. The officers of the association are employed in the school, and they knowing where their bread and butter came from kept mum." This is a lesson for the deaf, both national and state, to select their officers from outside of schools. No one knows where the next blow of the oralists may fall. Be sure with independent officers.

R.

Honors for Dr. Fox and Dr. Fay

The French government conferred the honor of Officer of Academy upon Dr. T. F. Fox, in memory of the De l'Epee Bicentennial, held at Paris, last August. It was a deserved honor to which Dr. Fox's distinguished services in the cause of the deaf entitled him.

By the way, the last number of the Annals, from which we obtained the above information, says nothing about the bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Michigan upon its editor. One of the most beautiful attributes of Dr. Fay is his modesty.

LOCAL NEWS

Olof Hanson was out to his farm last week looking after his apple crop.

They say that A. H. Kobestein's new boy is a chip of the old block in looks.

We understand that the new arrivals from Los Angeles have all found jobs.

A letter from Herman Kohn to his brother Frats in Seattle locates him in Portland.

We believe the deaf of Seattle are all working at present. A closed town is not a dead town.

Miss Laura Sampson called at the Observer office last week. She has lost little of her youthful grace.

True Partridge wants to sell his motorcycle. Can it be possible that the girls refuse to ride with him anymore?

Eddie Spieler has taken it into his head to go out in the country and shoot coyotes for bounty. Thinks he can make more money that way.

Bert Haire has not been down to the Observer office in a long time. We suppose he is so proud of that daughter at his home that he feels above us all.

Marion Hanson celebrated her 12th birthday last Saturday with a party at her home. There were 12 girls present. Alberta Wright was one of those who received prizes playing games. Marion received several pretty gifts.

Two of our young men propose to go to British Columbia soon and lay away their wages in a bank. Next spring they will emigrate to Australia and invest in real estate and never return to the States till they are rich.

Max Gebhardt has leased his property on East Pike street for a term of twelve years. The two houses are being torn down and an automobile salesroom will be built on the site.

At the P. S. A. D. social a week ago, Mrs. E. Swangren won first prize and True Partridge second. The prizes were beautiful artistic paintings executed by Miss Myrtle Hammond.

Struck-Redmon.

A. N. Struck, a former pupil of this school, a member of the graduating class of 1912, at Gallaudet College, was married on July 31st to Miss Eva Redmon of Omaha, Nebraska. Mrs. Struck was a student at Gallaudet last year. Mr. Struck has a position as draughtsman with an Omaha firm and the young people have taken a flat near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sowell.—Kentucky Standard.

Mr. Struck is known to many of the deaf of Seattle, where he spent a winter three years ago. The Observer extends congratulations.

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POLLY TICKS.

The monthly P. S. A. D. meeting will be held Saturday night. Olof Hanson will battle to show why Taft should be reelected. A. W. Wright will try to prove Roosevelt to be the right man, while E. Swangren will recite the Democratic platform.

ON HIS CLAIM.

A letter from Jesse West says he is going on his claim for the winter. Jesse, as our readers may know, has been in Alaska several years. He is foreman of a machine shop during the summer and goes out on his claim prospecting during the winter. H. C. Augustus who left here to join Mr. West last spring is well satisfied up there and will remain. The two men are old Ohio school chums.

HUSTLING DURING LEAP LEAR.

Report has it there are four engagements among our local deaf young people. We are glad to hear it. Which one will be first to turn in an order for wedding invitations?

BOUND BY PLEDGE.

We started in to show up the president of the P. S. A. D., but then suddenly remembered we were under promise not to give him away.

SEATTLE N. A. D. BOOSTERS.

The next meeting of the Seattle N. A. D. Boosters will be held at the Hanson home next Saturday evening. Join the N. A. D. and come to this meeting and have a good time. P. L. Axling will give a short address as to his idea of N. A. D. needs. If time permits there will be some discussions, otherwise the evening will be turned into a social evening.

SHALL IT BE DORA ELIZABETH?

Two weeks ago several of the ladies went to see Mrs. Haire and her new daughter, and left a number of pretty things for the baby to wear. Mr. and Mrs. Haire are feeling the great responsibility of deciding on a name for their daughter. Mrs. Haire inclines to Dora Elizabeth.

ANOTHER ONE.

The evening of Oct. 5 a surprise birthday party was sprung on Erve Chambers at the home of Grace Ziegler. Grace, herself, had a hand in springing that surprise. About a dozen deaf attended, and played cards, spending a pleasant evening. It is always a pleasure to see Grace in her home, where she is the pride and comfort of her parents.

A ZEALOUS MINISTER.

Rev. Mr. Fedder of the Lutheran church is very earnest in his desire to help the deaf. He is making good progress in the sign language. The attendance last Sunday was not as large as it should have been and we hope to see more at the next service, November 3rd.

Rev. Mr. Fedder is a likeable fellow and in time will be a valuable friend of the deaf. R.

SOMETHING FUNNY.

In a letter Jimmy Meagher says he is running a comic bi-weekly and not a yellow journal. That is the funniest thing we have heard Jim say in a long time. We shall include it in our volume of funny things when we get it out.

By the way, Supt. Clarke was in town during the summer and investigated the so-called red hair and at once pronounced Jimmy colorblind. We understand he has issued a proclamation against filling up Washington with red hair. R.

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Every deaf person in the Puget Sound country is or should be a member of this association.

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Because in union there is strength—we can help one another.

Also come and meet your fellow deaf for a social time, intellectual advancement and moral uplift.

Business meeting, second Saturday night of each month. Social, fourth Saturday night of each month.

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Vice-President—Mrs. A. W. Wright.

Secretary—Mrs. Agatha Hanson.

Treasurer—L. O. Christensen.

Sergeant-at-Arms—W. S. Root.

CHICAGO

Mr. Joseph Sonneborn and wife, of New York, have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Morton Sonneborn and Mrs. Levi at their city residence and also summer cottage at Paw Paw Lake.

Miss Florence Baker, of Kentucky, accompanied by her mother left for a trip around the world. They expect to be absent a year.

Mrs. Wm. Garwood and son Ray were guests of the Martin family for a week.

Mrs. H. S. Rutherford and children returned from Wichita, Kansas, whither they went to spend the summer with her folks. The Rutherfords will now be found at 554 E. 74th St., 2nd flat.

The friends of Mr. G. Christensen were shocked to hear of the sad accident which befell him. While he was alighting from the street car on his way home an automobile struck him, killing him almost instantly.

The Illinois Association is making some preparations for the Illinois State Fair that will be held at Springfield, Ill., in October. The school for the deaf at Jacksonville, Ill., also intends having an exhibit.

Mr. Tom Lewis Anderson of Duluth, Minn., and Miss Anna Vaughn Johnson, of Minden, Nebr., both of the class of '12 of Gallaudet College, attended by Dr. Albert Gaw and Mabel Jensen were married Sept. 21st, at one o'clock, by Rev. P. J. Hasenslob at the latter's residence.

Mr. F. Friday spent part of his vacation in St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Ryan left for Quincy, Ill., to attend the wedding of his sister, and also to spend his vacation.

Report says the new school for the deaf at Phoenix, Arizona, will use the oral method of instruction.

PORTLAND, OREGON.

A quiet wedding took place Wednesday, Sept. 25th, at 4 o'clock at the St. Stephen's church, when Miss Besie B. Bond became the bride of Mr. Henry P. Nelson. Rev. Ramsey officiated and Mrs. Metcalf interpreted. The bride was given into the keeping of the bride-groom by her uncle, Steven Bond. Mr. Nelson was assisted by John O. Reichle. The bride made a pretty picture, dressed in a handsome royal blue tailored suit, and a black hat with blue feathers, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations. After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served at the home of Mrs. Frank Barrow, a cousin of the bride, the house being tastefully decorated for the occasion. Autumn leaves and dahlias adorned the drawing room. The color scheme was pink. The guests besides the relatives of the

bride were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. Read, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle and Miss Bonham. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are keeping house at 2835 62nd street S. E., where they will be pleased to receive their friends.

The basket social given by the Frats, Sept. 28th, was a success. Mrs. Delanoy won the prize, a silver cake knife, for the handsomest basket which was made in the shape of a shoe.

The P. D. L. Society is progressing rapidly and eight new members have been admitted since the opening of the season. At the meeting last Saturday Messrs. Vinson, Reichle and Schneider were appointed to arrange for a banquet to be held on Dec. 10th in honor of Hopkins Gallaudet's birthday. The place has not been as yet decided upon, but it is likely to be at the Multnomah hotel. Professional speeches will be given.

Mr. Joe Jorg mourns the death of his aged father. The end came peacefully early Sunday morning, Sept. 29th, after a few weeks' illness. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Jorg.

Mrs. Guy Gilbert of Ridgefield, Wn., spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Mrs. J. O. Reichle.

Emery Vinson has returned from Vancouver, B. C., where he spent a two-week's pleasant visit with his parents.

After spending the summer here, Mr. Horton has returned to Salem as instructor at the school.

TACOMA.

The T. S. C. held an uneventful meeting at the home of Chas. Hammond, Sept. 28th. Mr. Christenson of Seattle was a visitor. The next meeting will be Oct. 27 at Mrs. Seeley's.

Mrs. Foster was delightfully surprised with a "shower" in honor of baby Dorothy, Thursday, Sept. 19th, at the home of the Hammonds, where she had accepted an invitation to spend the day. The ladies of the McKinley Christian church dropped in and later on a basket laden with all sorts of things for baby Dorothy was brought in. Mrs. Hammond served a dainty luncheon to those assembled which included, besides the church women, Mrs. and Miss Slegel and Mrs. Otha Minnick. That same evening the Hammonds entertained Mr. and Mrs. Minnick at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade received a crate of canteloupes from Mr. Wright's ranch last Saturday. Everyone fortunate enough to have sampled them has remarked, "How delicious!"

For some weeks Mrs. S. Eaton has been employed at the Cascade laundry. Recently when she returned home in the evening she saw a man, with a couple of grips, camping on her

door step. She mistook him for a peddler, but the scowl with which she greeted him changed to a smile of joy when she found it was her brother whom she had not seen for sixteen years. After a stay of a week or two he returned to California.

With a "coat of tan" that "won't come off," Mrs. Seeley is among us once more. Her three weeks on a valley ranch, where she was supposed to be picking hops, has bred in her a great desire for outdoor life and she announces her intention of some day working as a ranch hand.

Miss Slegel met with a painful, but fortunately not fatal, accident Tuesday last, when she stepped in front of a moving street car. Had the paving, which is now under way, been completed, it is almost certain she would have been killed by being hurled several feet, as she was. As it is, she is suffering from slight concussion of the brain and a fracture of the hip, but will recover, the doctors say. She and her parents have our sympathy in their time of trouble, and we hope Mabel will soon be entirely recovered.

Mrs. Hutson favored us with a call Sunday afternoon. She has recently been entertaining her sister-in-law, Mrs. McCabe, and Miss McCabe of Boston, Mass.

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LYMAN HUNT ON THE NEBRASKA SITUATION

Right here I will endeavor to enlighten President Hanson and the Journal readers as to the Oral situation in Nebraska. This is the first time I have mentioned this question, for the simple reason I was not fully posted as to the facts. I hate to fool with a gun that is in the habit of going off "half-cocked". Likewise I dislike the man or woman that talks or writes without being fully informed and posted on the subject for debate. I have been keeping in touch with the Nebraska situation since the first appearance of the so-called "Oral Bill" in the legislature. The fact that I know personally many members of the last Nebraska legislature has helped me a considerably. I have lived in Nebraska for twenty-five years, was a member of two Omaha political organizations for over ten years, and I feel that I am better posted on this question than any other Nebraska deaf man or woman, and I have decided to write, and write plainly so that he who reads may learn if they care to do so.

In the first place, I want to say, that Nebraska has and still breeds some of the worst politicians to be found in the United States. These politicians are right now holding all kinds of honors from the governorship down to minor appointive offices.

These men have never hesitated to use the Nebraska school for the Deaf, if necessary, to further their dirty work. There is not an officer or employee at the Nebraska school but what is called upon every fall to contribute to the campaign fund of the party in power. Two years ago there was a change in the governorship, the Democrats going out and Republicans coming in. At the time Prof. C. E. Stewart, one of the best and most progressive superintendents in the country, was in charge of the school, having been placed there by a Democratic governor. There were no excuse for removing him. However the Republicans wanted the place and the "coin" that went with it, and right here is where the "Oralists" saw their chance, and they made the most of it. They got the Governor in line, then they pushed their bill through with the aid of plenty of money. In fact, most all of the members that voted for the bill, did so without knowing both sides of the question. The local State Association did nothing, in fact did not dare to. The officers of the Association are employed at the school, and they, knowing where their bread and butter comes from, kept mum, for they did have enough sense to know that history would repeat, and Prof. Stewart would have to go, and they of course wanted to be in line for re-appointment under the new chief. The Governor lost no time in signing the bill, and paid no attention whatever to the protests of the educated deaf that went to him for a respectful hearing. Then the Gover-



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nor went to the Oralists and asked for a man, and they recommended Mr. Booth. To make a fight on Supt. Booth is in my opinion all wrong. Personally, all the deaf who have met him, like him. He is a nice man who is simply doing what he is paid for and is following the "fool law" passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. He believes in the Pure Oral Method and will in time turn the school into a Pure Oral School. He is not doing it himself. He is following the law. I am open to conviction, but if I lived a thousand years, I doubt if I could be convinced that the Pure Oral Method is superior or anywhere near equal to the Combined System. I simply say this again for the benefit of a few who may think I am doing some "plugging" for Prof. Booth. If Supt. Booth would run the Nebraska school under the Combined System, I would be glad indeed to see him retained. If he refuses to run the school under the Combined System in case the Oral Law is repealed, then the deaf should keep after him until he is "canned".

The law can be repealed, but it is not going to be an easy job. Bear in mind what I tell you. Long distance firing from Seattle will never turn the trick.

I must say that it is a waste of time and money to attempt to do anything from Seattle. In my opinion the best thing to do is to make an effort to send Gov. C. A. Aldrich, who is a candidate for re-election to the political graveyard and to make an effort to elect Hon. E. E. Howell, of Omaha, to the Senate, and Hon. W. S. Shoemaker, also of Omaha, to the House. Both of these men are old, tried and true friends of the deaf, and will do all in their power to put through legislation in their interest. The legislature will be in session from January to April, and it will be necessary to have a man "on the job" at the seat of government all through the session. It will take \$300 or \$400 per month for a man's expenses for the 90 days. He should be a man who can do things with Nebraska people. I stand ready to serve or to join with 299 others in giving \$1.00 each to pay the expenses of any man President Hanson may select. The President might appoint a committee to draft a bill to take the place of the present "Oral Law", the new law to require the "Combined System" to be used in the Nebraska School. This is my view of the Nebraska situation to date.—Clipped from New York Deaf-Mute Journal.